



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

JUNE 2005



Firefighter 2 Students Complete Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations Phase I

(Left to Right) Front Row: Grant Serbousek, Kevin McPhilamy, Joshua Lee, Patti Buchanan, Troy Gittings, Josh Adler, Kyle Stephens; Back Row: Chris Poplar, Patrick Todd, Michael Gray, Roy Dunseith, Mathew Webb, Richard Wolfe, Jeff Camera, Brett Benhan, Drew Doiron)

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Annual Fire-Rescue Service Awards Banquet Held

The Annual Fire and Rescue Services Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Loudoun County Volunteer Retention and Recruitment Committee of the Fire and Rescue Commission, was held on Thursday, May 19 at the Holiday Inn/Carradoc Hall in Leesburg.

Awards were presented to outstanding fire and rescue members for the following:

Clark J. Deener Memorial Award

This award, which is sponsored by the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, is presented to an Emergency Medical Service member for their significant contributions to the development of Emergency Medical Services System in Loudoun County.

The Clark J. Deener Memorial Award was presented to **Karen M. Deli**, of the Lovettsville Volunteer



Fire & Rescue Company 12. Deli was recognized for her significant contribution to the emergency medical services system in Loudoun County. Although Deli joined Company 12 in November of 1997, her roles and involvement has been equal to someone who has been in the system for a much longer period of time. Deli has been involved in program design and development, quality assurance, problem solving and instruction. She has truly labored on behalf of the patients that we have cared for in the past and

those that will be cared for in the future. She has been a strong advocate of the patient and the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services System. Deli's participation includes the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council and numerous committees and sub-committees. Deli is a Virginia certified Emergency Medical Technician Instructor and a Loudoun County Advanced Life Support Instructor, Preceptor and Mentor. She currently holds the position of Rescue Chief for the Lovettsville Fire-Rescue Company and provides Advanced Life Support services to the citizens in Loudoun as a Paramedic. For her commitment and leadership to the EMS system in Loudoun County, Karen Deli is to be commended.

Instructor Awards

The Loudoun County EMS Council presented the following Instructor Awards:

Vincent R. Chirichella of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company was awarded the Basic Life Support Instructor Award for his many years of dedication and support of the Basic Life Support programs in Loudoun County. His reliability, dedication and attention to detail that were clearly exceptional and above the call of duty roles that he has played in the preparation of and recertification of our basic life support personnel. In addition to his role in the EMT-Basic classes, recertification programs and evaluations, he has held classes in CPR education for system members and the public alike, he has coordinated AED/Combitube

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COMPANY NEWS

National Accreditation Awarded

EMS Training has been officially notified that they have been awarded national accreditation to conduct paramedic and ALS Training program. This involved a process that has been ongoing for the past sixteen months and included a review of the programs structure, content, program history, on-site program visits, visits to preceptor sites, interview of personnel/ instructors, Medical Directors and site visits to rotation sites conducted by a national review Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Profession and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) Board of Directors.

Loudoun now becomes one of 8 sites with national accreditation in Virginia and the only approved non-college based program.

This is a major feather in the cap of Captain Jose Salazar and the EMS Training Section of the Training Division.

Please join me in congratulating Jose on a job well done to earn this very elite certification that will allow us to continue to provide ALS certification programs to our County providers.

Leo C. Kelly, PA, Chairman
The Loudoun County Emergency
Medical Services Advisory Council, Inc.

**Congratulations
Jose & EMS Training!**

Firefighter 2 Students Complete Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations Phase I

By Captain Kevin T. Stiles, LCFR

The fire training division incorporated HTR – Rope Rescue I into the Firefighter 2 curriculum this year. This is the first time the class has been offered and taught by the training division. The course description from the VDFP states: “A course designed to orient Fire and Rescue provider with methods, under which no other means are available, to access and remove accident victims from elevated and below grade locations. The participant will become familiar with vertical equipment and use. Skills will be developed in rope use, repelling, self-rescue, rigging and victim access. Emphasis is placed on safe and effective rigging procedures including knots, safety procedure, and techniques.”

The Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations Phase I class will continue to be incorporated into the Firefighter 2 curriculum. The class will also be offered at various intervals throughout the year for all fire & rescue personnel. Current Instructors include: Training Officer Dale Hetherington, Captain Kevin T. Stiles, Lieutenant Ken Snowden, Lieutenant Nick Pierson, Firefighter/EMT David Peary, and Firefighter/EMT Aaron Jacobs.



Left: Students learn basic anchor systems.

Right: Students learn safe repelling practices and build self-confidence.



JULY 2005

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	5 BLS Committee	6 Companies 13 & 17	7 Company 15	8	9
10 Company 14	11 Companies 2,7,8,9,12	12 Rescue Chiefs	13 Company 10 R&R Committee	14	15	16
17	18 Company 1 ALS Committee	19 EMS Council	20 Fire Council	21	22	23
24 31	25 Companies 4 & 8	26 Fire-Rescue Commission	27	28	29	30

TRAINING

AHA CPR-Healthcare

Provider (6 classes)

Sat. June 4, 2005

Sun. July 10, 2005

Sat. August 20, 2005

Sun. August 28, 2005

Sat. October 15, 2005

Sun. December 4, 2005

Fire-Rescue Orientation

Attend one date only:

July 5th 1930 hrs.

July 7th 1930 hrs.

Firefighter I

July 5, 2005-January 8,

2006 MODULES:

July 5-Orientation*

July 13-Bloodborne

Pathogens *

July 16 SCBA Fit Testing

July 18-Aug. 10 Haz Mat

Operations (*requires SCBA*

Face piece and documenta-

tion of fit test within last 6

months prior to start of

class)

August 13-CPR**

August 15-Sept. 21-First

Responder

Sept. 25-Dec. 22-Fire-

fighter Level 1

Jan. 3-Jan. 8- HTR Extri-

cation

*Mandatory Attendance

** Mandatory for First

Responders

READI-JUNE & JULY 2005

Virginia Course Schedule

MGT 313

Incident Management / Unified Command for WMD / Terrorism In-
cidents

Date

June 14 – 16 T-TH 8AM-5PM

June 21 – 23 T-TH 8AM-5PM

Location

Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy

Prince William County Public Safety Academy

PER 210

Public Works: Planning for and Responding to a Terrorism/WMD
Incident

Date

June 28 - 30 T-TH 8AM-5PM

Location

READI – Ashburn, VA

AWR 130

Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings - Awareness

Date

July 21 TH

8AM-noon

Location

Prince William County Public Safety Academy

PER 231

Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombings

Date

July 21 T

1-5PM

Location

Prince William County Public Safety Academy

Please try to register 2 weeks prior to course start date. To register please send an email to readi411@gwu.edu and be sure to include the course title, course date, your name, title, agency, address, phone and email address.

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Reports of injuries/illnesses are now to be submitted to Safety Officer Bob Swarthout, at L C F R . rswartho@loudoun.gov for initial notification

classes, Public Access Defibrillation Programs, and Public Education Programs in the name of the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Service Council and the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System.

Michael K. Gammill of the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Company was presented the Advanced Life Support Instructor Award for consistently meeting the Advanced Life Support educational needs of our system members.



Despite his many years of teaching in these programs he continues to exhibit the untiring enthusiasm of a new instructor with the knowledge base and confidence of the well-seasoned educator that he is within the EMS system. He continues to follow up by providing guidance, development and direction in the field to our system members. Gammill's actions have gained him the compliments of those that he has educated, the respect of his fellow instructors and ultimately the respect of the Emergency Medical Service community.

Karl R. Hummer of the Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services was presented the Fire Instructor Award for 2005. During his assignment to the training division, he was very committed to the programs and

insured that the students were receiving the knowledge needed to succeed and that the instructors were delivering the correct information and insuring the safety of all participants. He was instrumental in the development and organization of the first Loudoun County Firefighter Certification School and all students passed their written and practical FFI exams on the first try.

All three are being recognized for their dedication and commitment to training.

John C. Carr, Jr. Memorial Award

This awards, which are sponsored by the Loudoun County Fire Advisory Council, recognizes firefighters in the Loudoun County Fire Service system who have been firefighters at least five years and have an outstanding record in county-wide service activities. Judging criteria includes awards and achievements received, as well as humanitarian acts performed within the fire service.

This year's John C. Carr, Jr. Memorial Award was presented to two deserving individuals. **James V. Cunningham** of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company and **Murrell Lee "M.L." Partlow** of the Aldie Volunteer Fire Company.

James V. Cunningham was a member of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company for 11 ½ years, worked in the Loudoun County Fire Marshall's Office and is a member of Round Hill Fire and Rescue for 17 years where he served as Chief for 5 years. He served on the Fire Rescue Commission from 1994-1996 and has been Chairman of the Fire Council for

the last 3 years. He has been active as a fire instructor at the Training Center for nearly 20 years.

M.L. Partlow joined the Aldie Volunteer Fire Company shortly after it was organized. Volunteer Firefighting was a family affair and this name is well known in the fire service and the general store business in Loudoun County. Partlow was active in the Fire and Rescue Association and took a special interest in training others. His peers say he always wanted "to do things right". Partlow was one of the key organizers of the Aldie Carnival and served as Fire Chief from 1974 to 1979.

The Fire & EMS Hall of Fame Award was presented to four deserving volunteers, **Oliver R. Dube'**, **Shirley M. Flippo**, **J. Terry Hirst (post humus)**, and **Peggy N. Smedley**.

Oliver R. Dube' came to Loudoun County in 1970 as Loudoun's first Fire Marshal and later served as the first Director of the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue Services. At that



time, Loudoun's career staff consisted of the dispatchers, Jack Walsh and himself. Dube' was instrumental in leading the county during numerous events including Hurricane Agnes, Flight 92 crash, the King Street fire in downtown Leesburg, the tank farm fire on Friday the 13th in Leesburg and

too many Fire & Rescue Association meetings to count. Now retired, Dube' remains a friend and ally of Loudoun County Fire and EMS Services and was instrumental in developing this award.

Shirley M. Flippo, a charter member of the Aldie Volunteer Fire Company, served as their President for 21 years and on July 5th will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a member. He served on



the committee to establish the first central fire alarm center in Loudoun (Fire Control). He served 2 years as the Vice President and 9 years as President of the newly formed Fireman's Association. During his tenure as President, he was instrumental in convincing the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to approve the position of Fire Marshall and then chaired the selection committee which hired O. R. Dube' as the first Fire Marshal of Loudoun County. Flippo has served on countless committees over the years including the By-Laws committee of the Fire Council and the Commission's Retention and Recruitment committee. He was also instrumental in developing this award.

J. Terry Hirst, the first Fire Chief of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, donated the land for the first fire house on the east side of the Methodist Church in

Purcellville. Hirst was instrumental in acquiring the town's first water system and the reservoir is dedicated to him. His public service included a member of the Purcellville Town Council, the Loudoun County School Board and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Even though his business was in Leesburg, Hirst never missed the fire company's monthly meetings and always responded first or second to the fire house for emergency calls. Hirst always worked every night of the Fire Company's summer carnival. The Fire Company was a very important part of his life and he remained active until he could no longer hear the siren. Hirst's daughter excepted the award on his behalf.



Peggy N. Smedley, of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, has been a member of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System since 1980 and remains a life member of her company. During her service she was a highly respected EMT and Advanced Life Support provider serving not only her own community but also the adjacent communities within Loudoun. Smedley truly had a positive impact on many of the lives of our citizens with her dedicated care and compassion. Smedley, a charter member of the first Fire-Rescue Commission and served as the Chairperson for multiple

terms, also participated in the Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council and numerous committees and subcommittees, where she assisted in the development of many training programs, policies and the development of many of the benefit programs for the fire & rescue



volunteers. Smedley's dedication and commitment was evident in every class she taught as a Virginia certified Emergency Medical Technician Instructor and as an Advanced Life Support Preceptor and Mentor. Smedley was responsible for the development of many of our Advanced Life Support pre-hospital providers. In 1988 Smedley was awarded the Clark J. Deener Memorial Award and in 2004 she received a Resolution of Appreciation from the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for her 24 years of service to the Middleburg Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company, the Loudoun County Department of Fire-Rescue Services and the citizens of Loudoun County.

Length of Service Awards:

In addition to the above awards, 137 length-of-service awards were presented to members of the fire-rescue system. The following is a list of the top length of service awardees.

For 5 Years of Service

Debra Agnolet, David Audlin, Phillip Azzolina, Joshua Babcock,

Jeffrey Banman, Anthony Baptiste, Michelle Beatty, James Bradley, Frederick Breed, Ian Buchanan, Joseph Buttner, Kevin Butts, John Caviness III, Brett Choyce, Todd Clist, Kathy Coffey, Kerry Crist, Nicholas Croce, Daniel Cummings, Geoffrey Davis, Brian Dequittner, Kurt Detrick, Belinda Draugelis, James Eagen, David Fink, Stuart Fleming, Harry Harting Jr., Andrew Hasser, Sue Heineman, Alberto Herrera, Anthony Jackson, Christine Jefferies, Sharon Jensen, Daniel Johnson, Audrey Kent, Amy Kihlstrom, Samuel Leach, Ryan Lutman, Christopher Mabe, Kevin Makowski, Kip Mason, Ryan McNulty, Mico Miller, Nathaniel Moore, William Mungovan, Joseph Murphy, Lisa Raper, Andrew Reames, James Reed, Troy Robertson, Erin Rush, Danielle Schweisthal, Aldo Sessarego, Andrew Shadwick, Kristin Shultz, Devonie Smith, Linda Speacht, James Spurlock, Jr., Marc Steingesser, Bart Stevens, Kathleen Struder, Sean Swanson, Scott Symsack, Beverly Taylor, Patrick Todd, David Tucker, and Robert Wealand.

For 10 Years of Service

Franklin Banner, Christopher Barry, Kevin Bickel, Robert Burns, Marilyn Cangemi, Michael Crisafulli, Peggy Lee Davis, Kevin Dunn, John Earley, Paul Eldridge, James Henon, James Hill, Kathleen Leary, Charles Loraine, Martin Mantell, Joseph Marker, Sr., Janet Maurer, Lorraine Moten, Richard Muth, Gregg Owens, David Porter, Therese Senate, William Sexton, Matthew Sheehan, Fran Skeffington, and Peter West.

For 15 Years of Service

Christopher Carr, Vince

Chirichella, James Csizmadia, Tom Dean, Michael Donnatelli, William Earley, Donald Freudenthal, Ghorley Gregg, Steven Johnson, John Kobus, Sandra Lev Dahl, Jeffrey Lindstrom, Allie Love, Thomas McLain, Philip Menzenwerth, Earl Monger, Ricky Obaugh, Ronnie Reddington, William Roman, Rodney Scott, Beverly Tate, and Ted Williams.

For 20 Years of Service

Rodney J. Frye, Lloyd M. Thacker, Milton H. Olinger, David W. Glidden, Michael K. Gammill, Herbert E. Rundgren III, and Mary C. Hoeltzel.

For 25 Years of Service

Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Davis, Peggy N. Smedley, William (Jack) J. Frear, James R. Bell, Benjamin F. Hottel, Joseph R. Payne, Byron F. Andrews III, and Linda S. Georganas.

For 30 Years of Service

Paul B. Roxenberg, Walton (Bruce) B. Eamich, Jr., Milton A. Gulick, James S. Lickey, Jr., and Randolph (Randy) T. Breton,

For 35 Years of Service

Terry A. Frye and William F. Rajca.

Additional photographs are throughout the newsletter. Photographs Courtesy of Byran Krikalo, Co. 15 and Mary Maguire, LCFR.



Ed and Thelma Swain talking to Billy Fiske.



Lovettsville Major Elaine Walker and Sheriff Steve Simpson



Arcola Company 9 enjoying the evening.



Chief & Elaine Pozzo congratulate Karen Deli on receiving the Clark J. Deener Memorial Award.



Bill Lyden, Chair of the Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee.

To the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System,

There are no appropriate words that would express the gratitude and respect I have for the Loudoun County Fire Rescue Service, it's Volunteers and Career Staff.

Having had the opportunity to work with and for the most dedicated Staff and to be associated with the most professional group of Volunteers who have continued to work for the People, sometimes under trying conditions, have continually made me exceptionally proud to have been a little part of a Big Machine which will continue to grow.

What has made it so great is the fact even after years from retirement, I have been blessed with receiving three of the three awards presented.

I thank each of you and those other, both Career and Volunteer who have made me proud to have been a member of such an elite group of Men and Women.

Being the only one to have received all three awards ,makes the time spent with all those who give of themselves with no thought of reward, the most rewarding gift of all.

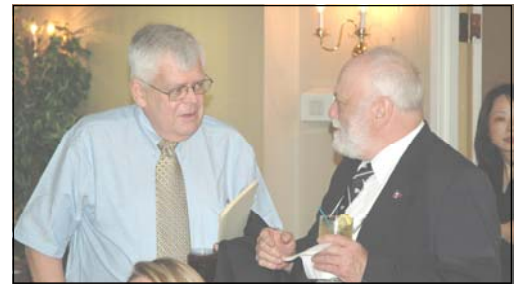
Best Regards and continued success;
and Thank You, O.R. "Bob" Dube'

Frankie & Bill,

I just wanted to thank both of you and the R&R committee and to also compliment you both on a very well-done Fire-Rescue Awards Banquet. The program ran very smoothly, the food was good and everyone, including "Hap" commented how well run and pleasant the banquet turned out. Thanks so much for all your hard work and effort to make this a special night for so many.

Thanks, Leo C. Kelly, P.A.

Chairman, Loudoun County EMS Council



Leo Kelly and "Hap" Arnold having a conversation. Hap was the first recipient of the Clark J. Deener Memorial Award in 1983. He was a member of the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Company.



Leo Kelly, Chair of the EMS Council poses with O. R. Dube' (left) and Shirley Flippo (right) with their Hall of Fame Awards.